

has down there. And where? Mexico has good mechanics. But getting parts shipped is often a matter of "tomorrow." I sat three days in Tepic waiting for parts for a Pontiac. Finally wound up taking a taxi 500 miles into the city. Then I supervised shipping the parts out and had the car driven down.

"We will stop over night in Madrid on the way to Rome and would like a good restaurant."

I'd skip over the plush places like Horcher's and Las Lanzas then. Go to Botin's in the old part of town. Get the taxi driver to let you off in the great Plaza Mayor. Walk down the steps in the corner and you're in a crooked, dimly lit street where the buildings lean over you. Botin's is on the left halfway up the block. Red wine and lechon—sucking pig—is the dish. If it's summer, don't make it Botin's. Go to one of the outdoor restaurants in the corner of the Plaza Mayor. El Pulpito or Meson de la Corregidora.

"... whether to rent a car in Europe or go by train?"

That's much a matter of taste. England, Ireland and Spain are delightful to drive around. Swiss and German trains are so great, I like to use them. I like to rent cars locally. But trains for the long trips.

"We are thinking of driving a Volvo into Mexico. And not sure what would happen if we needed repairs."

Better find out what Volvo

# Around the World

with Stan Delaplane

SAN FRANCISCO — If you work it right, this is going to be a year of bargains on the airlines.

The new "inclusive" (GIT) fares. (Particularly interesting to Europe and to the Pacific.)

Family plan. (Great if you are packing two or more children inside the U.S.)

Off-season excursion. (Always a good buy.)

And watch for occasional off-hour rates. (Mexicana and Hawaiian Air will fly you cheaper early mornings and late nights.)

Money is quite a consideration in our plans. We are willing to go any way that is cheaper to have more money to spend abroad."

These new "inclusive" fares look good to me. It amounts to this: You fly in groups of 15. Your only common interest is that you all want to get to the same place at the same time. The saving is about a third. A travel agent is the gathering point. When he's got 15, away you go.

You have to buy a little hotel space at the destination with your air ticket. But I don't think you're tied to the group as a "tour." (They're still hammering out the fine points of all this: It was an all-out fight between airlines getting just the basic fares agreement.) You all have to come back on the same plane. There are some time limits. But it's well worth looking into.

"Where is the best place to sit on an airplane if you feel motion more than most?"

As far forward as you can—more jiggle in the tail in the big jets. The right hand side and an aisle seat are best for you.

"We would like to get away from cold winters and hot summers for a year. Where would we find the best climate?"

I'd say Cuernavaca in Mexico, at five thousand feet in the tropics. It's a pretty town, loaded with flowers. An in-and-out population of well-to-do Mexicans and local Americans support a supermarket. That's important to living in Mexico.

"Would you recommend any particular phrase books for a trip to Europe?"

I usually pick up any one that fits the pocket easiest. They seem about the same—"What To Say At The Hotel" and so on. To add other words, you can always find Mickey Mouse comics. The balloon captions are in the

## Unification Law Changes In Assembly

SACRAMENTO — Assemblyman Robert H. Burke, R-Huntington Beach, has introduced a bill to amend the Unruh unification law to eliminate the requirement that school districts must unify on existing high school boundaries or larger.

The bill is AB146, which curiously is almost the same as the original bill by Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh, D-Inglewood, which was AB-145.

Burke's will would eliminate the requirement of elections each two years in areas which reject unification proposals. It would encourage the formation of districts of less than 25,000 students. The measure would give local school boards a voice in determining local school district organization.

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## Burton E. Smith Appointed Real Estate Commissioner

SACRAMENTO — Governor Ronald Reagan has announced the appointment of Burton E. Smith, the 1966 president of the California Real Estate Association, as state real estate commissioner.

Smith, 50, a Democrat, is owner of a realty firm in Bellflower and has been active in numerous real estate associations for nearly 20 years. He was appointed to a four-year term in the \$22,500 a year post, expiring Jan. 15, 1971.

The CREA, while he was president in 1966 appealed the state supreme court's decision which held Prop. 14 unconstitutional. The CREA had been one of the sponsors of Prop. 14, which repealed the Rum-

ford housing act and prohibited the legislature from enacting future legislation to restrict the sale or rental of housing. Prop. 14 was approved by an overwhelming vote of the people at the November, 1964, general election.

Smith has been a CREA director since 1954 and was a vice president in 1956. He is a director of the national association of real estate boards. Smith has been a strong advocate of the CREA's equal rights program dedicated to educating all members on their responsibilities of equal service to all in the housing industry. Smith and his wife, Betty, have two sons.

**Chairman Named**  
Capitol News Service  
SACRAMENTO — William E. Allen, 44, Turlock, has been elected chairman of the California Veterans Board for 1967. He replaces George G. Sinopoli, Fresno.

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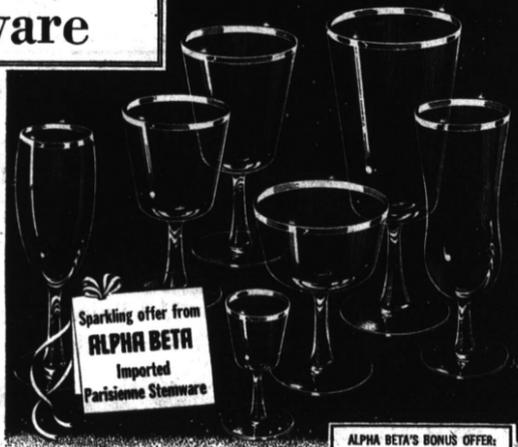
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